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MOLECULES AND FOR DETECTION OF INTERACTIONS OF MOLECULES  
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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated April 10, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time up to and including July 19, 2006, is filed simultaneously herewith. Further, a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114 is also being filed herewith. In response to the Final Office Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Response begin on page 6 of this paper.